

4. The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a section of complete separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.
5. The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a discontinuity in the second layer.
6. The label of claim 1, wherein the fold-line section is offset from a centerline of the first layer.
7. The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein the label is foldable upon a three dimensional tab member.
8. (Amended) The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer has a thickness wherein the second layer does not bend substantially when [a] the folding pressure is applied to the label.
9. The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer comprises a material which is darker than the material of the first layer.
10. The label of claim 9, wherein the gap is discernible through the first layer.
11. (Amended) A label comprising:
 - a first layer; and
 - a second layer attached to the first layer and having at least two sections at least partially separated by a gap, the gap being discernible through the first layer, the second layer having an adhesive on [a] an outer surface for applying the label to a stock member having at least two surfaces;wherein the label folds along the discernible gap such that the at least two sections are [located] mountable on different surfaces of the stock member when the label is applied over an edge of the stock member.

12. The label of claim 11, wherein the first layer comprises a lighter material than the second layer.
13. The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer comprises a darker material than the first layer.
14. The label of claim 13, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.
15. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap indicates a label fold-line for matching with the edge of the stock member.
16. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap defines a fold-line section in the first layer.
17. The label of claim 16, wherein the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.
18. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.
19. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a section of complete separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.
20. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap is offset from a centerline of the first layer.
21. The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein each gap is visible through the first layer.
22. A label comprising:
 - a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on and a bottom surface; and
 - a second layer attached to the bottom surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising two or more sections, wherein between each of the two or more sections is a gap,

each gap defining a fold-line section in the first layer, the second layer comprising a darker material than the first layer, wherein each gap is discernible through the first layer and indicates the fold-line section of the first layer, the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.

23. The label of claim 22, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

24. The label of claim 22, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

25. The label of claim 22, the gap comprises a section of separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.

26. (Amended) A label form comprising:

- a backing member;
- a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on; and
- a second layer permanently attached to the first layer and removably attached to the backing member and located between the first layer and the backing member, the second layer comprising at least two sections having a gap therebetween, the first layer has a foldable section located along the gap of the second layer;

wherein, [the first layer and the backing member each comprise a substantially planar surface, wherein the substantially planar surfaces are substantially parallel to one another] when a folding pressure is applied to the label, the label folds along the foldable section such that one section of the second layer is attachable to a first side of the stock member and a second section of the second layer is attachable to a second side of the stock member.

27. The label form of claim 26, wherein the first layer includes one or more label members, each label member attached to at least two sections of the second layer.

28. The label form of claim 27, wherein each of the one or more label members includes a perimeter edge which matches an edge of the at least two sections of the second layer attached to the label member.

29. The label form of claim 26, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

30. (Amended) A method of applying a label to an edge of a stock member, the method comprising:

aligning the label such that a discernible gap of the label is aligned with an edge of the stock member;

applying a first portion of the label to a first side of the edge of the stock member;

folding the label along the discernible gap which is defined by a weakened fold-line running along a surface of the label, the weakened fold-line located between the first portion of the label and a second portion of the label; and

applying the second portion of the label to a second side of the edge of the stock member.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein [the weakened fold-line comprises a section in a first layer of the label which is defined by a gap in a second layer of the label] the discernible gap is discernible through a first layer of the label.

32. (Amended) A method of applying a label to an edge of a stock member, the method comprising:

providing a label having a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on and a bottom surface, the label also having a second layer attached to the bottom surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising two or more sections, wherein between each of the two or more sections is a gap, [each] the gap defining a visually discernible fold-line section in the first layer, the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label;

applying a first portion of the label to a first side of the edge of the stock member;

folding the label along the fold-line section; and

applying a second portion of the label to a second side of the edge of the stock member.

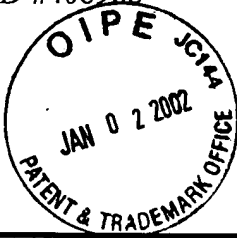
33. (Amended) The method of claim 32 wherein, the second layer comprises a darker material than the first layer[, wherein the gap is discernible through the first layer to indicate the fold-line section of the first layer].

34. (New) A label comprising:

 a first layer; and

 a second layer permanently attached to the first layer and having an adhesive on an outer surface of the second layer, the second layer including a first section and a second section at least partially separated by a gap which is visually discernible through the first layer, wherein the label folds along the visually discernible gap such that a user folding the label can predict where the label will fold by perceiving the visually discernible gap through the first layer.

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1. (Amended) A label for attaching over an edge of a stock member, the label comprising:
a first layer having a first surface adapted to being printed on and a second surface; and
a second layer permanently attached to the second surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising a first section and a second section having a gap therebetween, said gap defining a fold-line section in the first layer, the second layer covering substantially all of the second surface of the first layer except for the fold-line section, wherein when a folding pressure is applied to the label, the label folds along the fold-line section such that the first section of the second layer is attachable to a first side of the stock member and the second section of the second layer is attachable to a second side of the stock member.

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2. (Amended) The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer includes an adhesive on an outer surface of the second layer.

3. The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

4. The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a section of complete separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.

5. The label of claim 1, wherein the gap comprises a discontinuity in the second layer.

6. The label of claim 1, wherein the fold-line section is offset from a centerline of the first layer.

7. The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein the label is foldable upon a three dimensional tab member.

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9. The label of claim 1, wherein the second layer comprises a material which is darker than the material of the first layer.

10. The label of claim 9, wherein the gap is discernible through the first layer.

~~A3 D17~~ 11. (Amended) A label comprising:
a first layer; and
a second layer attached to the first layer and having at least two sections at least partially separated by a gap, the gap being discernible through the first layer, the second layer having an adhesive on an outer surface for applying the label to a stock member having at least two surfaces;
wherein the label folds along the discernible gap such that the at least two sections are mountable on different surfaces of the stock member when the label is applied over an edge of the stock member.

12. The label of claim 11, wherein the first layer comprises a lighter material than the second layer.

13. The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer comprises a darker material than the first layer.

14. The label of claim 13, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

15. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap indicates a label fold-line for matching with the edge of the stock member.

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16. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap defines a fold-line section in the first layer.
 17. The label of claim 16, wherein the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.
 18. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.
 19. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap comprises a section of complete separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.
 20. The label of claim 11, wherein the gap is offset from a centerline of the first layer.
 21. The label of claim 11, wherein the second layer has at least two gaps and wherein each gap is visible through the first layer.
 22. A label comprising:
 - a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on and a bottom surface; and
 - a second layer attached to the bottom surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising two or more sections, wherein between each of the two or more sections is a gap, each gap defining a fold-line section in the first layer, the second layer comprising a darker material than the first layer, wherein each gap is discernible through the first layer and indicates the fold-line section of the first layer, the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label.
 23. The label of claim 22, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.
 24. The label of claim 22, wherein the gap comprises a series of perforations.

25. The label of claim 22, the gap comprises a section of separation between each of the two or more second layer sections.

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a backing member;
a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on; and
a second layer permanently attached to the first layer and removably attached to the backing member and located between the first layer and the backing member, the second layer comprising at least two sections having a gap therebetween, the first layer has a foldable section located along the gap of the second layer;
wherein, when a folding pressure is applied to the label, the label folds along the foldable section such that one section of the second layer is attachable to a first side of the stock member and a second section of the second layer is attachable to a second side of the stock member.

27. The label form of claim 26, wherein the first layer includes one or more label members, each label member attached to at least two sections of the second layer.

28. The label form of claim 27, wherein each of the one or more label members includes a perimeter edge which matches an edge of the at least two sections of the second layer attached to the label member.

29. The label form of claim 26, wherein the second layer comprises a security label material.

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30. (Amended) A method of applying a label to an edge of a stock member, the method comprising:
aligning the label such that a discernible gap of the label is aligned with an edge of the stock member;
applying a first portion of the label to a first side of the edge of the stock member;
folding the label along the discernible gap which is defined by a weakened fold-line running along a surface of the label, the weakened fold-line located between the first portion of the label and a second portion of the label; and
applying the second portion of the label to a second side of the edge of the stock member.

31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the discernible gap is discernible through a first layer of the label.

32. (Amended) A method of applying a label to an edge of a stock member, the method comprising:
providing a label having a first layer having a top surface adapted to being printed on and a bottom surface, the label also having a second layer attached to the bottom surface of the first layer, the second layer comprising two or more sections, wherein between each of the two or more sections is a gap, the gap defining a visually discernible fold-line section in the first layer, the first layer folds along the fold-line section when a folding force is applied to the label;
applying a first portion of the label to a first side of the edge of the stock member;
folding the label along the fold-line section; and
applying a second portion of the label to a second side of the edge of the stock member.

33. (Amended) The method of claim 32 wherein, the second layer comprises a darker material than the first layer.

34. (New) A label comprising:
a first layer; and
a second layer permanently attached to the first layer and having an adhesive on an outer surface of the second layer, the second layer including a first section and a second section at least partially separated by a gap which is visually discernible through the first layer, wherein the label folds along the visually discernible gap such that a user folding the label can predict where the label will fold by perceiving the visually discernible gap through the first layer.